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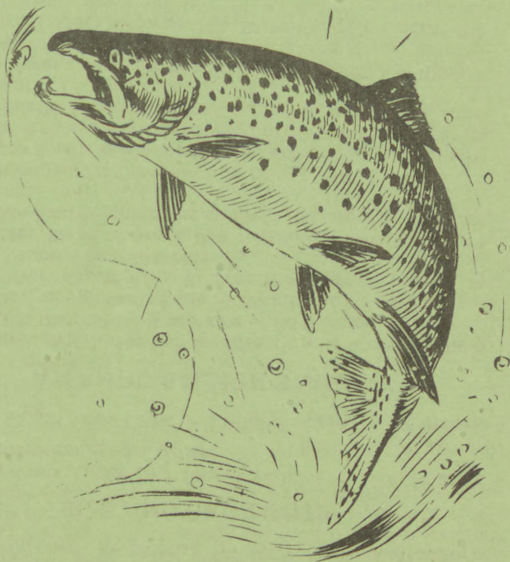
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MAINE ATLANTIC SEA RUN SALMON COMMISSION

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REGULATIONS

GENERAL SEASONS

Tidal waters — May 1 through October 15

Inland waters — May 1 through September 15. See exceptions marked with an asterisk (*) under individual waters.

SIZE AND BAG LIMITS

Daily bag limit (tidal and inland waters) — one Atlantic salmon. Possession limit — 2 fish.

Minimum length limit (tidal and inland waters) — 14 inches.

ATLANTIC SALMON STAMP

A stamp is required to fish for Atlantic salmon in all inland waters and in the following sections of tidal water:

Dennys River: above the U.S. Rt. #1 bridge in Dennysville.

Machias River: above Rim Bridge (lower most bridge) in Machiasport—East Machias.

East Machias River: above a line extending from Simpson's Wharf in East Machias due south to the opposite shore on the rim.

Pleasant River: above the main river bridge in Addison.

Narraguagus River: above the U.S. Rt. #1A bridge in Milbridge.

Union River: above a line extending from the southern extremity of Ellsworth City boat launch ramp due west to the opposite shore.

Penobscot River: above Joshua Chamberlain Bridge in Bangor.

Ducktrap River: above 2 red posts set on the shores approximately 1000 feet below the U.S. Rt. #1 bridge in Lincolnville.

Sheepscot River: above the U.S. Rt. #1 bridge in Wiscasset-Edgecomb.

Kennebec River: above the Route #197 bridge in Richmond-Dresden.

The stamp fees are: \$1. for Maine residents (16 yrs. and older) and \$15. for nonresidents (16 yrs. and older). Stamps may be purchased from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in Augusta or from city clerks and license agents in the vicinity of Atlantic salmon rivers.

DEFINITIONS

Commission means the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) means the anadromous finfish commonly called Atlantic Sea Run Salmon.

Fishing With Rod and Line means fishing with rod and line with an artificial lure, fly, or single baited hook attached thereto.

Fly Fishing means to cast upon water and retrieve in the usual and ordinary manner, an unbaited, unweighted, artificial fly attached to a line to which no extra weight has been added.

Fly, for Atlantic Salmon fishing purposes, means an unbaited single pointed hook of any size, or a double pointed hook not larger than # 6, dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material to which no additional weight, hook, spinner, spoon, or similar device is added.

Jigging means fishing for, catching, or attempting to catch, or killing with hook or hooks manipulated in such a manner as to pierce and hook a fish in any part of the body other than the mouth. Any fish which is hooked in any part of the body other than the mouth shall be immediately released and returned alive, without further injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Note: Check with the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for additional regulations and statutes concerning Atlantic salmon fishing.

It shall be unlawful to use a gaff in landing Atlantic salmon.

It shall be unlawful to fish for, kill, attempt to kill, or otherwise take Atlantic salmon in the inland and tidal waters of the state regulated by the Commission except as permitted by regulations of the Commission; but where no regulation has been adopted, the laws and regulations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the laws and regulations of the Department of Marine Resources shall apply.

In all waters specifically regulated by the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission, all Atlantic salmon caught at any time, by any means, of any size, and in any numbers, other than as authorized by these regulations shall be immediately released and returned alive, without further injury, to the waters from which they were taken.

Each violation of the regulations of the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission shall be punishable pursuant to 12 MRSA, 6204.

Note: The regulations in this folder apply *only* to the taking of Atlantic salmon. See open water fishing law folder for regulations concerning fishing near any dam which contains a fishway or trap.

REGULATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL WATERS

Note: It is legal to take Atlantic salmon by fly fishing only, under general law provisions, in all waters of the state except as specifically provided below.

A. Dennys River watershed.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of Leighton Point to the outer extremity of Denbow Point, to the east side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Dennysville — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

From the east side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Dennysville upstream to the two markers set on the shores at the Narrows in Dennysville — ***open May 1 through October 15** to fly fishing only.

All waters above the markers at the Narrows — ***open May 1 through September 15** to fly fishing only.

B. Machias and East Machias rivers watershed.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of Long Point to the outer extremity of Birch Point, to two red markers set on the shores of the Machias River downstream from the confluence with the East Machias River — **open May 1 through October 15** to rod and line fishing.

From the above-mentioned red markers upstream to two red markers on the shores of the Machias River above the falls in Whitneyville; and from the above-mentioned red markers upstream to two red markers on the shores of the East Machias River at the Gaddis Mill Pool in East Machias — ***open through October 15** to fly fishing only.

The following tributaries to, and sections of, the Machias River ***close after July 15:**

Old Stream and its tributaries upstream from the red marker on the shore of the Machias River at the mouth of said stream.

Mopang Stream and its tributaries upstream from the red marker on the shore of the Machias River at the mouth of said stream.

Machias River, at the mouth of **Libby Brook**, from a line drawn between two red markers set on the shores of the Machias River approximately 100 feet upstream from the mouth of Libby Brook downstream approximately 300 yards to two red markers set on the shores of the Machias

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River, this area to include Libby Brook and its tributaries. Machias River, at the mouth of Crooked River, from a line drawn between two red markers set on the shores of the Machias River approximately 100 feet upstream from the mouth of Crooked River downstream approximately 200 yards to two red markers set on the shores of the Machias River, this area to include Crooked River and its tributaries.

All other waters of the Machias and East Machias rivers open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

C. Pleasant and Narraguagus rivers watersheds.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of Petit Manan Point to the outer extremity of Cape Split, to the south side of the Addison bridge on the Pleasant River, and to the south side of the U.S. Route 1A bridge in Milbridge on the Narraguagus River — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

Narraguagus River, from the south side of the U.S. Route 1A bridge in Milbridge upstream to the ice control dam in Cherryfield — ***open through October 15** to fly fishing only.

All other waters of the Pleasant and Narraguagus rivers — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

D. Union River watershed.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of Weymouth Point to the Ellsworth/Trenton town line, to the downstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Ellsworth — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

From the downstream side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge in Ellsworth upstream to the Bangor Hydro dam in Ellsworth—***open through October 15** to fly fishing only.

All other waters of the Union River — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

E. Penobscot River watershed.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the Bayside Wharf in Northport to the Castine Light, to the downstream side of the Joshua Chamberlain bridge in Bangor, and to the downstream side of the first upstream bridge on all tributaries to the estuary of the river — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

From the downstream side of the Joshua Chamberlain bridge in Bangor upstream to the Bangor Hydro dam in Veazie — ***open through October 15** to fly fishing only.

There shall be no size restrictions on artificial flies tied on double-pointed hooks in the tidal waters of the Penobscot River.

Kenduskeag Stream, from the downstream side of the Maine Central Railroad bridge in Bangor to the upstream side of "Six Mile Falls" in Bangor — ***closed after July 15**.

All other waters of the Penobscot River — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

F. Ducktrap River watershed.

All waters and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of the Isleboro Ferry Landing pier in Lincolnville to the outer extremity of Spruce Head in Northport upstream to a line drawn between two red posts set on the shores approximately 1,000 feet downstream from the U.S. Route 1 bridge — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

From the two red posts upstream to the confluence with Black Brook — ***open through October 15** to fly fishing only.

All other waters of the Ducktrap River — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

G. Sheepscot River watershed.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from the Wiscasset/Edgecomb U.S. Route 1 bridge, to the downstream side of the Puddledock Bridge in Alna — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

From the downstream side of the Puddledock Bridge in Alna upstream to the Head Tide Dam in Alna — ***open through October 15** to fly fishing only. **Note: Closed to all fishing is that portion of river from Head Tide Dam upstream 150 feet to two red posts.**

All other waters of the Sheepscot River — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.

H. Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers watersheds.

All waters and tributaries and adjacent coastal waters inside and upstream from a line drawn from the outer extremity of Cape Small to the outer extremity of Salter Island, thence to the outer extremity of Indian Point, to the downstream side of the Maine Central Railroad bridge on the Kennebec River in Augusta, and to the downstream side of the Brunswick/Topsham bridge on the Androscoggin River, including those portions of all tributaries to the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers downstream from the first upstream bridge — open May 1 through October 15 to rod and line fishing.

Bond Brook, Augusta, upstream from the red markers set on the shore of the Kennebec River at the mouth of said brook — ***closed after July 15.**

All other waters of the Kennebec and Androscoggin rivers — open May 1 through September 15 to fly fishing only.